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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Dr. Wright has killed a ton of ore from his mine near Garlock with results which encouraged him to open the mine.

Several well known capitalists from the east are looking about Ontario with the view of establishing a cannery at that place.

Ralph Grover, who started the Woman's Journal at Riverside a few months ago, has gone in search of greener pastures.

The transportation companies doing business between San Jose and San Francisco are cutting rates, the latest gash being to 25 cents.

The sheep-herder in Round valley, who set a gun for a thief and killed his man and is now in jail charged with murder, may learn that a spring gun shoots both ways.

If the Huntington management of the Los Angeles street railways does nothing worse than to repave the streets along the car tracks, nobody will be inclined to kick.

The total enrollment of pupils in the public schools of Los Angeles this year, as reported, is 16,350, against 14,701 last year. An increase of over 11 per cent per annum is a good showing.

The work of removing mines placed at the entrance of San Diego harbor has commenced under the supervision of Capt. J. J. Meyer and Capt. A. A. Polhamus, with the assistance of fifteen men.

The San Diego board of supervisors declared the tax levy for the ensuing year for state and county taxes at \$1.55 in all incorporated towns in the county and \$1.95 outside, the additional 40 cents being the road tax levy.

A Santa Barbara man lays claim to fame because he once "played poker with Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila." He overdoes the thing, however, by asserting that he got the better of the doughty admiral.

"The Seventh is coming home" is the announcement reiterated again for the twentieth time. Undoubtedly it is coming home—if the members live to a ripe old age—but it is useless to speculate as to the date of their coming.

The state board of equalization has given out the following railroad assessments for Riverside county: Santa Fe, \$9.17 miles, \$570.524; Southern Pacific, 92.60 miles, \$873,709; Southern California motor road, six miles, \$30,000.

Those who have thought the weather warm during the past week might have their opinions changed by a visit to the Santa Maria valley, San Diego county, where the thermometer rose to 115 degrees, or at Dehesa, where it reached 116 degrees.

The perseverance with which the commercial organizations of Los Angeles, as well as individual citizens, exert themselves in behalf of the Seventh regiment can leave no room for doubt in the minds of the soldiers of that regiment that a warm interest in them is felt at home.

Conformity to an idea conceived, discussed and generally approved of the most influential civil and commercial bodies of California have united in sending to President McKinley a telegraphic invitation for him to visit this state immediately after his contemplated visit to Omaha next month.

About two weeks ago the banks of Los Angeles sent out a circular letter to country bankers asking their views as to charges made for cashing checks coming in on country banks. Out of forty-one banks heard from twenty-seven approve more or less entirely and fourteen stand the other way.

The lack of the usual amount of rain in Southern California this year has had one good effect. It has set the people to thinking about and acting upon measures to provide a better supply in the future and place themselves to a greater degree beyond the dangers consequent on a slight failure on the part of the weather clerk.

The stage from Bolinas was robbed near San Rafael by a lone highwayman, who held up the driver and six passengers. The highwayman got considerable money. The robber, who was captured three hours after, turned out to be Victor Colwell, the son of a prominent landowner. The affair has caused a great sensation.

A resident of Chicago, who has just come to Southern California a few days ago, reports that during the recent hot spell he walked several blocks on Wabash avenue and saw one or more

horses lying dead in the street in every block as a result of the heat. And yet some people think it has been warm in Los Angeles this summer.

The soldiers' home at Santa Monica, judging from the last report of the number of inmates sheltered by that institution, is very much crowded. Over 1500 occupy the home, many of whom sleep in quarters not at all suitable for such purposes. Something should be done to relieve the congested state of affairs existing there.

Everybody in Los Angeles will be glad to know that Capt. Steere's battery, officially known as Battery D, California heavy artillery, is to be given an opportunity to see service abroad. In marked contrast with the colonel of the Seventh regiment, Capt. Steere has not made a holy show of himself while waiting in San Francisco.

It now appears to be a settled fact that the San Joaquin Valley railroad will be extended in the near future from Bakersfield across the Tehachapi mountains and southward to Los Angeles. Taking this into consideration with the prospects of the Utah Pacific and the California eastern roads being built next year this city has a very bright outlook in 1899.

The Tulare Register says R. T. McMillan of that place is the possessor of a "really and truly" leather medal. It was given him a number of years ago by the citizens of Bakersfield because of his being the only man who ever worked for a certain resident without having a fight with said citizen. McMillan was doubtless something of a sprinter in those days.

In the orchards of Capay valley, near Woodland, an unusual occurrence is said to be taking place. The plum and pear trees, which have already blossomed and borne fruit, this year are blooming again. The second flowering is supposed to be caused by a flowing of the sap in the tree, the growth of which was stunted for a time by the extraordinary dryness of the summer.

The report of the manager of the Pomona Fruit exchange, presented at the adjourned annual meeting held a few days ago, made an excellent showing, the total shipment of oranges amounting to 49,642 boxes, the receipts for the same being \$49,335.22. Considering the scarcity of water the past season and the consequent reduction of the product in many quarters, the fruit growers of the Pomona exchange should be well satisfied.

The local passenger department at Los Angeles of the Santa Fe received telegrams from Prescott, Ariz., requesting transportation facilities for 725 regulars and twenty-five officers from Whipple barracks, near Prescott, to Lexington, Ky., where a military force is being concentrated. Special trains aggregating twenty-five sleepers and four baggage cars were immediately arranged for by General Passenger Agent Bryne.

Contractor Neu has completed his reconnaissance for the beginning of work on the San Pedro breakwater, and will leave for Chicago this morning, well satisfied with the outlook for the early and successful completion of the contract. Mr. Neu returned from San Clemente island. There he inspected the stone quarries and found abundant rock suitable for the great work which his firm, Heldmeyer & Neu, is about to begin.

The Winchester Recorder having been asked what is required to fit a person for the work of an editor, prescribes that two years be first spent in meditation and prayer; five years in studying the surprising and mirth-provoking orthography of the English language; ten years to learning the typographical art perfectly; fifteen years to the study of American politics and the civil service; ten years to the study of law, and it concludes: "The closing ten years might be profitably used in learning a practical knowledge of cutting cordwood, baking beans, making shirts, lecturing, learning how to make a good adhesive paste that will not sour in hot weather, preaching the gospel, learning the art of scissors grinding, punctuation, capitalization, plain sewing, how to win the affections of the opposite sex, the ten commandments, every man his own teacher on the violin, parlor magic, bicycling, baseball, botany, poker, international law, plastering and rhetoric."

"DEWEY ISLANDS."

New Name Suggested for the Philippines if We Hold Them.

If all the Philippines are taken by the United States, congress will probably rename them. Many of the senators and representatives who have visited here lately have suggested that the new possessions be called the "Dewey Islands." Congress will have the task of renaming all islands which have recently come into the possession of the United States. The republic of Hawaii will be changed into the "Territory of Hawaii," and Porto Rico will probably be known as the "Territory of Porto Rico."

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Botted Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

The Exposition building in Tacoma, the largest of its kind in the northwest, has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000, with no insurance.

President Jordan of Stanford university has been offered the presidency of Berkeley university, in the place of Kellogg, who recently resigned.

Talmage's appearance in Calvary Presbyterian church, at San Francisco, caused a blockade in surrounding streets, fully 5000 people being unable to gain admission to the edifice.

Surveyors have begun stake-setting for a 1500-foot cut-off at the confluence of Stockton channel and the San Joaquin river. The cut will greatly aid navigation, and will help to drain this section during seasons of high water.

The children who entered the home of the general manager of the Southern Pacific railway at San Francisco and stole articles to the value of \$1000 are only starting early in learning Southern Pacific morals and methods.

The Pacific Coast Steamship company has a competitor in the Charles Nelson, which has sailed for Seattle and way ports with freight and passengers. The Cleveland and Lakme, under the same control as the Nelson, will follow. Freight and passenger rates have been reduced.

Hawaiian advisers state that the natives of the islands are deluging the congressional commissioners with petitions and memorials, protesting among other things that the islands were annexed without their consent. They ask that the constitutional government of 1893 be restored.

The expedition sent by the University of Pennsylvania to study northern Alaska made a practical failure, as far as new discoveries are concerned. Many thousand specimens were brought back from the country around Point Barrow, but it is stated that the scientists found little of new value.

The captive balloons used by Shafter's army in the advance upon Santiago have reached the Omaha exposition grounds, and the officers of the United States Signal corps are getting them ready for daily ascensions. These balloons are capable of rising 2000 feet, and at this distance telephonic communication is held with the station below. The balloons carry four people, the capacity being 21,000 cubic feet. It is said President McKinley intends to make an ascension during his visit to the exposition.

Auditor Broderick sent to Comptroller Colgan at Sacramento his annual report on the financial condition of the city and county of San Francisco. The total value of real estate is \$189,448,545; value of improvements thereon, \$93,230,185; value of personal property, including money and solvent credits, \$69,547,331; total assessed valuation, \$352,344,061. The assessed value of the railroads (Southern Pacific) in the city and county is \$189,454. The total value of mortgages assessed is \$51,240,500. The valuation put on all parks, public school buildings, engine houses and other city and county property is \$25,000,257.

The officers of the United States revenue cutter Cosmos, sent north by the government to chase Alaskan whisky smugglers, have been dismissed from the service for smuggling whisky. If the deputy collector who dismissed them is right in his charges, the men are not only guilty of smuggling, but of stealing whisky that had been seized. It is claimed that fifteen kegs were seized at Juneau, but twelve of which were turned over to the authorities at Sitka. Later the missing kegs were found in the cutter. Commander L. M. Hofstad claims that he has been jobbed in this case. He says that all whisky was turned over, and that the kegs found in the boat were put there to convict him.

The steamer Humboldt has arrived at Seattle with 230 passengers from Dawson. The majority of them are "cheerleaders," glad to get back into civilization. There were only a few who had any gold dust. Davis Beilenberg had the largest sack. He told Purser Taggis that he was bringing out \$60,000 spending money. Purser Taggis estimates the total amount of treasure brought down by the steamer at \$100,000. The troops that were taken up from San Francisco on the Humboldt left St. Michaels on September 9 for Rampart City on the steamer Arnold. The steamer Leelanaw sailed from St. Michaels for San Francisco September 10 with a small passenger list. Among the Humboldt's passen-

gers were A. E. Gardner, who is interested with some Chicago people in the proposed construction of a railroad from Rampart City to the coast, and Robert Moran of Seattle, who took up a fleet of river steamers this summer.

Sedate old St. Michaels is the latest Alaskan point to be deserted on account of the rush to the new gold discoveries. Between 300 and 400 men left that vicinity in small boats on learning of the rich strikes at Golofwin bay. A town had been established at the bay, and nearly 500 people will winter there, and they may commence mining early. The new gold district comprises a number of small creeks flowing into Fish river, a short distance from the bay. As high as \$1.75 to the pan has been taken out, and the entire district is supposed to be rich. The strike was made, as usual, by a tenderfoot in ground that old miners would not look at. A missionary named Hultbert has some of the richest claims. Capt. Walker, U. S. A., in command at St. Michaels, has returned from the gold fields with a sack of yellow stuff from his claims. The new town will be called Council City, and is well stocked with provisions, mostly purchased from discouraged prospectors at St. Michaels.

C. W. Metcalf, living in Cleveland, O., whose son, Burton Metcalf, died recently in San Francisco of typhoid pneumonia, contracted while at Camp Merritt as a member of the United States regulars, will take steps to have charges preferred against Gen. Otis, now with the American forces in the Philippines. Metcalf said: "I am a member of an organization made up of people all over the country who have lost relatives or friends who had enlisted in the regular army for service in the Philippines. These men died through exposure on that pestilential spot known as Camp Merritt. Each member of this organization will bring pressure to bear on his congressman to have charges brought against Gen. Otis, who located the camp where it was. The organization is a large and influential one, and I believe it will be able to accomplish the object for which it was formed." Metcalf recently returned from San Francisco, where he went to bring home the remains of his son. He states that he investigated the conditions of Camp Merritt, and that a more unhealthy spot for a camp could not have been found on the Pacific coast.

SAW THE PRESIDENT.

Delegation of "Rough Riders" at the White House.

President McKinley informally received a delegation of about a dozen members of the Roosevelt Rough Rider regiment late last week. A majority of the delegation are from Mexico, and are en route home. They were all presented by Delegate Ferguson of that territory, who stated that New Mexico had furnished four of the captains and 440 of the men constituting the regiment. Each of the callers were presented individually to the President, who, after greeting them personally, talked with them and to them as a body in an informal manner. He spoke with earnest enthusiasm of the work of the regiment in the Santiago campaign, saying that he was pleased to have the opportunity on his own behalf, and in behalf of the country at large, to thank the regiment, through the present delegation, with the work it had done.

"Your record is one," he said, "of which the entire nation is proud. I tell the people who talk with me about the 'Rough Riders,' that you left the boats in squads of twenty or thirty, inquiring the way to Santiago and that you hardly stopped until you arrived there."

"You have not only done well," he said, "but I have no doubt you would all be willing to again serve your country in an emergency."

The response was that they would to a man.

"We want our colonel to raise a brigade instead of a regiment next time," said one of the younger members of the party.

The President also congratulated the soldiers upon their good fortune in receiving competent officers to lead them, and met with a hearty response to all he said about Col. Roosevelt and Gen. Wood and Gen. Young.

The delegation comprised the following named members of the regiment: Capt. W. H. Llewellyn, T. Muller, R. C. Day and M. Lun; Lieuts. W. F. Daniel, J. H. Carr, Thomas H. Rhinling, F. S. Keyes, Coleman; Corps. Llewellyn, Fries, Denny, Caldwell and Keithley and Troopers Knox, Coulton and Wood.

The work of development continues at the Snow Bird mine, north of Winchester. Some time ago the Morris Bros. of Valle Vista did considerable work on the Annie Morris mine, an eastern extension of the Snow Bird. The great width of vein and quantity of ore in sight at these mines are remarkable. A custom mill is much needed at Winchester, as it would enable mine owners to quickly determine the value of their properties.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

News of the State, Nation and the World

Also Interesting News Items of The War

Gen. Miller will be ordered to command the forces to be sent to Manila.

The President has postponed until October his proposed tour of the west.

The sailors of Dewey's squadron are not particularly profane, but they all swear by George.

It is stated positively that Secretary of War Alger has given to the President his verbal resignation.

Gen. Brooke cables the war department this morning that 800 troops had embarked from Ponce for Spain.

A report that Alger has tendered his resignation is generally credited, but it is not believed that it will be accepted.

United States Consul Hanna advises all Americans to stay away from Porto Rico until the United States laws are in force.

The Queen Regent of Spain praises the Czar's disarmament project and will send a delegate to the proposed conference.

The queen regent has granted pardons to the convicts who went from their prisons as volunteer soldiers to fight the Americans.

John Sherman is ill at his residence at Washington from an acute attack of bronchitis. His condition is not regarded as dangerous.

Pando has arrived. He brings word from Blanco that the army in Cuba is prepared to do its duty in the event of the renewal of hostilities.

The Spanish administration wants to remain in power at Havana until the treaty of peace is signed in Paris. To this the United States will refuse to consent.

Aguinaldo has sent a manifesto to the United States assuring the Americans of his friendliness and denouncing as a base slander the reports of his hostility.

The steamer Empress of India brings news that China and Japan have been visited by fearful floods and storms, plunging hundreds of thousands of people into dire distress.

There are 11,000 Spanish prisoners quartered in churches and other public buildings at Manila. Their condition is becoming alarming, and an epidemic of disease may be expected.

The condition of Gen. Lawton's army at Santiago is alarming. One-sixth is down with fever. It is understood that Gen. Lawton has recommended the withdrawal of all save one regiment.

The Imperial of Madrid says that the peace commissioners have been instructed energetically to maintain the indisputable sovereignty of the Spanish over the entire group of the Philippines.

Cuba's capital city is in a subdued state of excitement. Only a little breeze is needed to fan up a flame of anarchy. Frequent disturbances on the streets indicate the nervous condition of the city.

At the meeting of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows at Boston it was announced that Brother Bagley who is with the United States army at Manila had requested that the order be established there.

The ministers who have been charged with drawing up the instructions to be observed by the peace commission, according to a semi-official report the payment of coupons of the Cuban debt has been assured.

The workmen at Bilbao, where the cruisers belonging to Admiral Cervera's late fleet were built, have decided to go to Santander and make a demonstration against the defeated Spanish admiral when he arrives.

Secretary Gage says he does not see any reason why the taxes should be abated at present. Heavy expenditures have yet to be met. The secretary says that the extra taxes will be continued for some time to come.

The Philippines' congress has favorably impressed the Europeans who witnessed its proceedings. It is believed that its deliberations will result in a petition to President McKinley to establish a protectorate over the island.

The Spanish still hold seven seaports in the Albay province of the Philippines. The principal hemp district of the islands is in this province. The output of hemp is said to have been reduced 250,000 bales by the war.

The advance guard of the naval expedition for Honolulu and eventually for Manila, started when the Abrenda sailed from Fort Monroe via Brazil. The Abrenda is a collier, one of four which are to keep the big battleships Oregon and Iowa supplied with coal on their long voyage around South America. The plan is to have two of the colliers precede the battleships and two to go along with them.